

RESOLUTION NO. 11-54

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA STRONGLY URGING FAIR COMMENT IN CONNECTION WITH POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS FOR PUBLIC OFFICE AND EXPRESSING ITS DISTASTE AND CRITICISM OF DISPARAGING AND DENIGRATING COMMENTS ABOUT THE CITY OF HIALEAH, WHICH DEVALUE THE ELECTION PROCESS AND SHORT-CHANGE THE INTELLIGENCE OF VOTERS, WHO HOPEFULLY ARE NOT INFLUENCED BY PREJUDICE AND FEAR TACTICS.

WHEREAS, during the first round of the special election for Miami-Dade Mayor, a robocall generated from a political action committee urged voters not to vote for former Hialeah Mayor Julio Robaina using negative comments about the City of Hialeah and its quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the offensive robocall was a direct attack on the City of Hialeah and the ethnicity of its residents and the robocall's pervasive use during the last days of the mayoral campaign severely diminished the election process; and

WHEREAS, it is disappointing that no one is apologizing or taking ownership of this political activity; and

WHEREAS, it is more disappointing that the candidate, Carlos Gimenez, who may have benefited from the fear tactics utilized, did not take immediate affirmative action to stop or disavow the robocall or its offensive comments; and

WHEREAS, the elected officials of this City not only condemn the political ploy of playing to prejudice through telephonic communication but in all forms of media.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1: The Mayor and the City Council strongly urge fair comment in connection with political campaigns for public office and express their distaste and criticism of disparaging and denigrating comments about the City of Hialeah, which

devalue the election process and short-change the intelligence of voters, who hopefully are not influenced by prejudice and fear tactics.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of May, 2011.



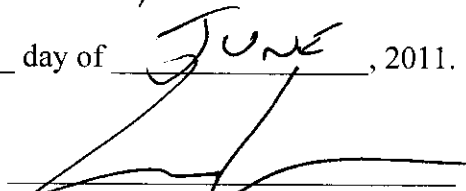
Isis Garcia-Martinez
Council President

Attest:

Approved on this 3 day of June, 2011.



David Concepcion, Acting City Clerk



Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



William M. Grodnick, City Attorney

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Resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote with Councilmembers, Caragol, Casals-Muñoz, Cue-Fuente, Garcia-Martinez, Gonzalez, and Yedra voting "Yes".